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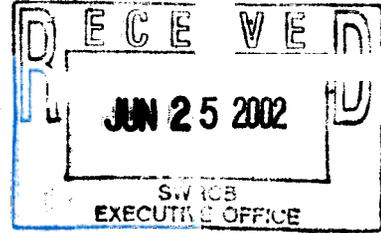
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June 18, 2002

State Water Resources Control Board  
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Honorable Board Members:

The Lake Francis Grange is subordinate to the California State Grange and we have about 240 members. We operate as a community service organization in the Sierra foothill communities of Dobbins and Oregon House in Yuba County. The members of our Grange are sincerely concerned by the prospect that our Yuba County Water District (YCWD) may have its operations negatively impacted through adoption of a draft decision being considered by your board. As we understand it, this decision will significantly impact the revenues available to YCWD. The result will be increased irrigation costs in an economically depressed agricultural zone, and an end to any plans to provide additional water needed to boost our economic base.

In addition to support of agriculture in our Yuba County foothills, YCWD also supplies domestic water to many residents, and its facilities have been an important source of water in suppressing wildfire in an area that has, in recent years, been devastated by these fires. For the sake of the safety and welfare of our citizens, we respectfully request that you do not adopt any decision that will have negative economic impacts on the YCWD.

Respectfully:

Richard Dahms, Master  
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